

Application Serial No. 10/648,427
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REMARKS

Claims 92 and 103 have been rewritten in independent form to include the features of previously pending independent claims 88 and 99, respectively. Claims 72-91, 94-102 and 105-112 have hereby been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 92, 93, 103 and 104 are now pending in this application.

The applicants note that the current Office Action indicates that claims 92, 93, 103 and 104 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Saliba et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,052,710; hereinafter Saliba) (Office Action – page 2). The applicants note that the Board of Appeals decision dated March 20, 2008 reversed the Examiner's rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on Saliba. For clarification purposes, a telephone interview with Examiner Lim was conducted on August 6, 2008 and a follow up telephone interview was conducted on August 11, 2008. During the follow up telephone interview, Examiner Lim clarified the Office Action and indicated that claims 92 and 103 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 92 and 103 have been rewritten in independent form to include the features of claims 88 and 99, respectively.

Therefore, claims 92 and 103, along with their respective dependent claims 93 and 104 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of pending claims 92, 93, 103 and 104 is respectfully requested.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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